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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/041,591		Applicant(s) HEISEY, RICHARD D.	
	Examiner Nathan S Mammen		Art Unit 3671	

All Participants:

(1) Nathan S Mammen.

(2) Brant Maurer.

Date of Interview: 11 August 2004

Type of Interview:
☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)
Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description:

Status of Application: final rejection

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Time: 12:00

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

Prior art documents discussed:
U.S. Patent No. 6,149,546 to Tabata et al.; U.S. Patent No. 5,781,876 to Saur; U.S. Patent No. 6,098,044 to Grytzelius et al.


Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Following up a phone conversation with Mr. Maurer on August 5, 2004, the examiner brought the above mentioned prior art to Mr. Maurer's attention. The above prior art appears to be relevant to the claims of the instant invention, and applicant's may wish to consider this prior art when drafting a response to the final office action. Further consideration of the art on the part of the examiner is required..

A handwritten signature, possibly reading "H. M.", followed by the date "8/11/04".